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Applicant: Peter Schwind et al.
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Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SIMULTANEOUSLY CARRYING OUT BLOOD
GROUP DETERMINATION, SERUM CROSS-CHECK AND ANTIBODY
DETECTION TEST
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Reference RU 2 124 729 is not in the English language, but an English abstract thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith and corresponding English language PCT Publication WO 94/23300 is also submitted herewith.

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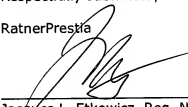
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